



THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 14, 1901.

COMPARED with the other prominent men of his party, the late ex-President was a gentleman; was so by birth, education and association. He was therefore respected when alive, and his death is regretted. He came of good Virginia stock, which however, was affected by Western surroundings, and that he realized that fact was manifested by the ill at ease feeling that was always apparent in his intercourse with Southern people, and his entire lack of sympathy with them; and, as he was a sensible man, even with such of them as had joined his own party. But that was natural, as he was human, and, barring his effort to exculpate "Blocks of Five" Dudley, there is little to be said against his personal character. He always maintained his self respect, and therefore received the respect of other right-thinking people, and the death of such men is, and should be, deplored.

THE proposed disfranchisement of the negroes in Maryland and Virginia has induced some Northern republicans to consider negro suffrage in the South more carefully than they have heretofore done, and the more unprejudiced and disinterested of them have reached the conclusion that they have been mistaken, and that that is a matter which the Southern people are better qualified to determine than they are, and the franker and bolder among them don't hesitate to express their opinion on the subject in the most public manner. They know that in a free country the man who has the right to vote has the right to hold office, and they also know that the white people of their own section would not submit to any thing of that kind.

Two thousand sick soldiers are now on their way home from the Philippine Islands. Of course, an equal number of troops in good health will have to be sent to those islands to take their places, and such of the latter as do not die will also come back sooner or later, and all go on the pension roll. War is the worst of all evils, because it is a waste of money and blood. It is a harmful also to the soldiers engaged in it as to their country, for though they are killed, maimed or disabled, the people of their country are burdened by taxes to provide for them as long as they live.

SENATOR McLAURIN of South Carolina, in Washington, says he will submit his case to the people of his State at the next primary. The Senator may as well save himself that trouble. His case has already been submitted to the people of South Carolina and they have decided it against him. His renegadism may profit him in the North, but, as the late Vice President Stephens once told Judge Spear of his State, "it won't do in the South." But there are many people who if brayed in a mortar will be the same still; they were not born to learn.

This morning, for the first time this spring, the domain of the English sparrow here, was invaded by the Virginia thrush, whose soft and sweet warblings were a most agreeable change from the harsh, short and unvarying chirps of the more numerous foreign birds, that, like negroes, will not stay in the country, but flock to the cities. The advent of the bright harbingers of spring is cheerful and enlivening, and stimulates the hope of more substantial things.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, March 14. President and Mrs. McKinley will leave Washington this evening to attend ex-President Harrison's funeral. They will go on the regular 7:45 Pennsylvania train and will be accompanied only by Dr. Rixey and Secretary Cortelyou. The party will reach Canton tomorrow morning, where they will remain until Saturday evening when they will take a train for Indianapolis, arriving there in time to attend the funeral Sunday afternoon. After the funeral President and Mrs. McKinley will return to Washington as soon as possible.

Senators Platt and Dewey, of New York, have withdrawn their objection to the appointment of Col. William C. Sanger as Assistant Secretary of War. They called at the White House this morning at ten o'clock by appointment and were at once ushered into the President's office. They lingered there only twenty minutes. After their departure it was officially announced at the White House that they had withdrawn their objection to the appointment of Col. Sanger "after having gone over the matter fully with the Secretary of War." It is understood that the New York Senators did not recede from their position without a struggle, not until they were promised "something equally as good" as the appointment. The commissioning of pensions will probably be given them as a bribe for their wounded feelings. This defeat is believed to be only the second suffered by Senator Platt. He was just as bitterly opposed to the appointment of Theodore Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, only yielding when he discovered that further opposition was useless.

Pursuing her policy of ingratiating herself with China as much as possible, Russia is now opposing further efforts

to punish Chinese officials no matter how guilty they may be. The Russian representative acting, it is said, under direct instructions from St. Petersburg, has now not only opposed the execution of any more of the Chinese officials but takes the position that the powers should stop their efforts to degrade and imprison any more of the official class.

The interview yesterday of Senator Silva, the Colombian Minister, in behalf of the Panama Canal with the Secretary of State, was probably responsible for the call today of Senators Corea and Calvo, representing Nicaragua and Costa Rica, respectively, the two countries that desire the Nicaraguan route for the canal. Minister Corea said it was not possible for his country to enter into new negotiations with the United States to give this country exclusive control of the territory upon which to construct a canal until after a new agreement had been made with Great Britain for the amendment of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty or until Congress had acted by abrogating that treaty. Nicaragua would be willing to make any new agreement with the United States on a basis different from that outlined in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. That treaty was eminently satisfactory to Nicaragua inasmuch as it provided for the absolute neutrality of the canal. But it having been rejected, it would be necessary to wait and see what the new proposition would be before he could tell the probable attitude of his government towards it. Senators Frye and Callum, of the Senate committee on foreign relations, also talked with Secretary Hay today on the subject of the canal and the treaty with Great Britain. Both of them expressed the opinion that a new treaty would be negotiated and Senator Frye said that he thought the sentiment of a good many Senators had changed on the subject since they had voted for the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, in the course of a long conference today with Secretary Hay, completed the arrangements for the signature of a supplementary convention extending the time for the ratification of the reciprocal treaties between the United States and Bermuda, Jamaica, Turks Island, Trinidad, and Barbadoes. The document will be signed later today and will extend the time until September 26, 1902.

Cesar Celso Moreno, the Italian friend of presidents, kings and emperors, for a time a man of international power, prime minister to King Kalakaua of Hawaii, and who died here, obscure, penniless, forgotten, was buried this afternoon under the auspices of the Haytian societies of Washington. The simple services were held at St. Mary's Church on 5th street. The body was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Glenwood.

Not long ago a New York society journal, commenting on the broken engagement of Lieutenant Edie and Miss Paulding, Senator Dewey's niece, declared that the real reason for the breach might be found in the desire of the Senator to marry Miss Paulding himself, this being possible, as Miss Paulding is not really his niece, but a niece of his late wife. Now the rumor has become the renewed topic of local gossip, some going so far as to say that there will be a quiet wedding in Washington before the Senator's departure to Alaska. S. C. said for next week, when Miss Paulding is to accompany him as his wife, Senator Dewey was asked about the truth of the rumor today after his call to the White House. He did not seem offended; on the contrary, laughed a boyish laugh. But he would say nothing. "I can't discuss that sort of story, you know," he said.

Col. Wm. Cary Sanger, of New York, was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of War this afternoon, vice Geo. D. Meiklejohn, whose resignation was accepted this afternoon.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, says that he does not anticipate a strike of the coal miners of Pennsylvania, but thinks that the matter will be amicably adjusted at the conference in Hazleton tomorrow. He will not attend unless there should be a decided change in the situation, and the union is summoned by the mine owners.

That the prevailing doctrine that success is the measure of merit "goes" here was manifested yesterday, by the fact that the man who received more than six and a half million votes for President only four and a half months ago, walked about the streets of this city unnoticed and unknown.

All the U. S. commissioners at the St. Louis fair have not yet been definitely appointed, because some of those who were originally selected, have been left out to make places for others with stronger pulls.

Mr. J. E. Clements, of Alexandria county, chairman of the democratic committee of that county, who was here today, says he has called a meeting of that committee for Monday next, 18th inst., at 7:30 p. m., to fix the time and place at which the democrats of that county can express their choice for delegate to the coming constitutional convention.

President McKinley issued a proclamation today directing that the flags on all the public buildings be lowered at half mast in respect to the memory of the late ex-President Harrison and that military and naval honors also be paid to his honor on the day of the funeral. He speaks of the deceased as a brilliant and distinguished soldier, statesman and lawyer. The super loyal owners of some of the private buildings here also had the flags on them flying at half mast.

The trial of the U. S. officers implicated in the hemp frauds at Manila has been postponed, and it is asserted here that neither Neely or Rathbone will ever come to judgment, let alone justice.

It so far, has been on the lines of the famous "May conference," and that the contest is of the nature of the constitutional convention is on those lines also, the republicans, as a rule, supporting the weaker democratic candidate.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The net earnings last year of the American Tobacco Company were over six millions dollars.

The United States and Russia are said to be acting together to prevent further bloodshed in China.

A Berlin estimate shows that 245 foreign and 30,000 native Christians were killed in the Boxer troubles in China.

The report has been confirmed that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company now owns a majority of Baltimore and Ohio stock.

In Baltimore yesterday Mrs. Barbara Green identified Wiley Kirk, colored, as her assassin, and it is understood he will be indicted for a capital offense.

Chairman Gallinger, of the Senate pension committee, figures that the enactment of proposed pension legislation would cost the government \$1,000,000,000 per year.

The end of the Boer war is confidently expected in London, and it is thought that peace terms will soon be arranged and that the budget will be delayed until after hostilities are ended.

The Pittsburg, Pa., police officials are certain that a negro they arrested there last night is Dorsey Foulz, wanted in Washington for the murder of Charles Robinson, also a negro, on May 30, 1897.

The London "Daily News" declares that owing to the Manchurian convention the relations between Russia and Japan have become very strained, and that war seems not only possible, but probable.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie in a letter to the residents of Pittsburg, Pa., announces his retirement from business and the establishment of a \$5,000,000 fund for the benefit of disabled employees of the Carnegie Steel Company, and to maintain the Bradwood, Homestead and Duquesne libraries. Mr. Carnegie sailed from New York for Scotland yesterday.

Mr. Bryan was one of the audience in Philadelphia on Wednesday and listened to an address by Sixto Lopez, a Filipino, who was formerly Aguinaldo's secretary. Among other things the speaker said: "There was a university in Manila several years before the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock. Do unto others as you desire that George III should do unto you."

Paymaster Maj. Pickett, with \$75,000 gold and an escort of ten mounted men from Company D of the Sixteenth Regular Infantry, was attacked by a party of thirty Filipinos on the road between Bayombong and Echague, in the province of Nueva Viscaya. A fight ensued and the natives were routed. The funds were saved. Corporal Hooker was killed and a private was wounded.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The Senate, after spending eight hours yesterday killing republican amendments to the election bill, last night passed the measure to its third reading by the strict party vote of 14 to 11. Senator Applegate voted for it. When this was done the democrats made an effort at 11 o'clock at night to take up the Baltimore sewer bill, but after debate the bill was made a special order for today.

The House passed the bill for a state census by a vote of 57 to 23. The census will cost \$42,000. A bill was also passed to appropriate \$2,500 to secure copies of the federal census for Maryland.

The House passed an order allowing each member \$25 worth of stamps. Delegate Bennett, of Wicomico, introduced in the House another bill to prevent bribery at elections.

Delegate Springer introduced in the House a bill to provide a more stringent penalty for kidnapping.

A delegation appeared before the House legislative committee in favor of a \$25,000 appropriation for Maryland exhibits at the Buffalo and Charleston Expositions.

Senator Clagett is now in Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's sanitarium in Philadelphia suffering from nervous prostration, and would not under any circumstances, be allowed to go to Annapolis.

MR. BRYAN.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan left Washington yesterday afternoon after a short visit. He goes to Chicago from which point he will proceed to Lincoln. While Mr. Bryan was in Washington he received a large number of friends and made a number of calls upon prominent democrats.

Several correspondents who met Mr. Bryan endeavored to interview him on the political situation, but to all of them he said it was a little early and that he was not discussing political questions except through the editorial columns of "The Commoner." It was suggested that he might need the services of a paraphraser on his paper. With a twinkle in his eye he said: "I can write the paragraphs, but I haven't reached the point yet where I can express my opinion of the republican party and its policies in a paragraph."

It was reported that Mr. Bryan would visit this city where, it was said, he would inspect the office of the National Watchman with a view of consolidating that paper with his own and removing the Watchman to Lincoln, but the report could not be verified.

SENATORS FOR SWANSON.

Both of Virginia's United States Senators favor Mr. Swanson in the gubernatorial fight, and openly declare their intention to support him. Senator Martin says:

"I propose to take as active a part as I am capable of taking for Mr. Swanson in his gubernatorial campaign. Having known him for many years, and having been closely associated with him in Congress for six years, my personal relations with him are such as to entitle him to all the support I can give him. His ability, high character, public services, energy and earnestness of purpose, in my judgment, commend him to the people of Virginia. I believe that he will be nominated and elected, and will be a credit and an honor to the State as its chief executive."

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Dr. George Carrington Venable died at his home in Lynchburg yesterday, aged 73 years.

Valley people are moving to have the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company build an extension from Strasburg to Harrisonburg.

Judge Richard H. Tebbe, of Loudoun county, has announced himself a candidate for federal delegate to the constitutional convention from Loudoun and Fauquier.

Mr. James L. Rawlins, one of the most prominent citizens of Spotsylvania county, died yesterday at his home near Lewington from the effects of paralysis, aged 57 years.

Ex-Judge O. I. Fleming, of Princess Anne county, who upon his third trial was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for killing Clarence Snyder, of Norfolk, was yesterday sent to the penitentiary.

The Chesapeake and Ohio coal agency has announced the closing of a very large contract, consisting of 20,000 tons of New River coal to be delivered to the Colonial Railway Company, of Nova Scotia.

Assistant Surgeon Thomas M. Lippitt, U. S. N., reached his home near Berryville last Sunday night from China, accompanied by his father, Dr. C. E. Lippitt, who went to San Francisco to meet his son.

Robert C. Levi, a farmer living near Boyce, died Tuesday night after a long illness of consumption. He was 45 years of age and is survived by a widow and three children. He also leaves five brothers living in Clarke county.

Professor William D. Thomas, of the Chair of Philosophy, and Professor John Pollard, of the Chair of English, two of the best known and oldest teachers of Richmond College, in point of service, are severing their connection with that institution.

Mrs. Laura V. Triplett, wife of L. Triplett, Jr., died Monday 7, at "Willow Glen," her home, near Mount Jackson. Mrs. Triplett was the daughter of Col. William C. Templeton, and in May, 1863, married A. G. Whiton, who died in March, 1864. On April 13, 1871, she married L. Triplett, Jr., in St. John's Church, Georgetown, D. C.

"Money to burn" was the motto over a fireplace set up in a men's outfitting establishment on Broad street, Richmond, and the fireplace was thickly strewn with \$1 bills, over which lay a \$1 bank note tied with blue ribbon. "The money is yours if you guess nearest the number of this note," said the printed card. A thief yesterday morning broke the plate-glass window with a stone, under the full glare of an electric light, and secured the notes, taking nothing else. The firm has 2,000 guesses on its hands and is guessing as to how it was done.

LETTER FROM PAGE.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

Luray, Va., March 11.

The grip, which has not altogether left us, has been very fatal in its results in Page. More persons, especially the old and weak, have died since its appearance here than ever before. There were five funerals in one day by one undertaker the first of the month.

The wheat looks worse than for a long while, due to the long continued drought just broken.

Our farmers are much interested in the new movement of the Farmers' Institute, the first meeting of which was held here during the last week. Some of them did not attend, thinking it an omen of the Farmers' Alliance of boom days, which they have good reason to remember.

Our new water works are now in full completion. We have, as far as we know, the strongest water pressure in the State. The works will be a powerful agent in fighting fires, as the water can be thrown over the highest building in the highest parts of the town. Heretofore, fires have had their own way here.

A straw stack on the farm of R. T. Brumback, near Rileville, toppled over and killed five head of cattle for him. Mr. Yates of the same place was bitten a short time since by what he supposed to be a mad dog. He went at once to the madstone near Rectortown, and when applied the stone adhered to the wound over three hours. Mr. Yates returned home a satisfied and contented man.

Captain R. S. Parks, our Commonwealth's Attorney, a candidate for attorney general of the State, is now actively engaged in his canvass. His record in the Legislature for the last few years has brought him prominently before the people, not only as a debater of high order, but as a lawyer of standing, and one who would make himself useful to the people as well as to the State as the attorney general. There is scarcely any interest manifested as yet as to who shall represent Page in the convention. This question will come before the people later on.

DEATHS AT MARLBORO.—Mr. C. C. Calver, Baltimore Calver died yesterday at his home, Mount Airy, about six miles below Marlboro, Md. Mr. Calver, who was the great-grandson of the sixth Lord Baltimore, had attained the ripe age of 96 years. He never married, but lived quietly at Mount Airy with his sister, Miss Eleanor Calver, who was well advanced in years. He had several brothers, but they all moved to other states years ago, and it is doubtful whether any of them are still living.

Mrs. Mamie Edelen, wife of Mr. A. W. Edelen, died yesterday at her home near Upper Marlboro, aged 36 years. The deceased was Miss Mamie Thompson, of Baltimore, and leaves a husband and three children. Mrs. Edelen was twice married, her first husband having been Mr. N. Miles, of Bryantown, Charles county.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh.—That is the warning which the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are liable to cause blood poisoning. Leave them alone. The original has the name of DeWitt's upon the box and wrapper. It is a harmless and reliable salve for skin diseases. Unequalled for piles.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Dead Ex-President.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 14.—Neighbors of General Harrison watched, according to custom, last night, in the death chamber. City buildings, schools, and many business buildings bear the token of flag and wreath and from the State House the flag of Indiana flies at half mast. Russell B. Harrison arrived last night from Washington. His grief was beyond control. He had hoped to reach Indianapolis before death took place. Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee left Saratoga N. Y., yesterday at noon for this city. Other relatives are expected today.

The funeral services will be conducted Sunday by Rev. M. L. Haines, who has been the General's pastor for years. The Governor asked that the body lie in state in the State House, for a time, so that all who wish to view the dead statesman may do so. The request was granted last night. The body will be buried at Crown Hill in the family plot. The funeral will be a notable one. President McKinley will attend, and Harrison's cabinet, when he was President, will be here. State officers and friends of General Harrison conferred this morning regarding the funeral. The body will lie in state at the State House Saturday. The funeral will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Harrison received the following telegram from President McKinley: "The death of General Harrison the country has lost a distinguished statesman, a devoted patriot and an exemplary citizen. The people of the nation mourn with you. You have the heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. McKinley and myself in this hour of overwhelming sorrow in your home."

The first cablegram received by Mrs. Harrison came at 3:30 from First Assistant Secretary Jackson of the American embassy at Berlin. Jackson received his appointment from Harrison. The second cablegram came from Addison C. Harris, U. S. minister to Austria. It was dated Vienna, and said: "We tender our condolence."

In deference to the wishes of Mrs. Harrison, there will be no military display at the funeral on Sunday and it will be of the most simple character. The most magnificent military display in the history of the Indiana National Guard is being planned while the body lies in state.

Foreign News.

Rome, March 14.—The anti-clerical agitation, growing out of differences on the subject of religious education in the schools, has been renewed in the city. While a preacher in the church of St. Charles Borromeo was explaining the pope's encyclical on Christian democracy to a large congregation some socialists among the audience began hooting at the speaker and a panic followed in the church. The police then entered and arrested the disturbers.

Manila, March 14.—The U. S. gunboat Pampanga has been operating against the insurgents in the Visayan Islands and has destroyed about 300 vessels, mostly of small size, that were engaged in the traffic between the insurgents. Some of the vessels belonged to houses in Manila.

Berlin, Mar. 14.—The Kaiser has fully recovered from the wound inflicted by the epileptic Weiland, at Bremen, and is attending to business as usual.

Capetown, March 14.—It is rumored that the peace negotiations with General Botha have met delay through unexpected obstacles.

Count Boni Attacks His Old Enemy.—Paris, March 14.—Count Boni de Castellane slapped his old antagonist, M. de Rodays, editor of the Figaro, in the face today and is likely to have to fight a duel in consequence. The occasion of the attack by Castellane on De Rodays was that the latter had insinuated that Count Boni was the messenger who went to Paul De Roulade on the night of February 22, 1899, and asked him what he should do if the Duke of Orleans should appear among his friends. De Roulade replied that he would arrest the Duke, whereupon De Rodays's plans for an attempted coup were promptly discovered. M. De Rodays statement about Castellane was, in effect, a charge that Castellane had been treacherous to De Roulade.

Today Count Boni, accompanied by M. Morel, editor of the Journal, called upon Rodays and demanded an explanation. Rodays would give no satisfactory reply, but showed a disposition to temporize. Boni repeated his demand for an absolute retraction, and when Rodays continued to temporize Count Boni slapped him angrily in the face several times. The rest, including Morel, interfered and prevented the angry Count from inflicting further punishment on Rodays. It is now all over and certain that there will be an immediate challenge and a duel.

Penned in a Blazing Tenement.—New York, Mar. 14.—Three persons were killed by a fire at 270 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, early this morning, one being burned and two by jumping from windows. Three persons were injured. The tenement was a terrible death trap. In it more than twenty families lived and when the fire broke out in a bakery shop on the first floor the tenants were all asleep. They were awakened by smoke and a wild panic ensued. Women and children were carried down ladders by firemen and others escaped by the stairway. Mrs. Madden lived on the fourth floor. When she awoke her room was filled with smoke. She groped about in the dark until she came to a window at which there was no fire escape and the woman decided to jump rather than be consumed by the flames. In her descent she turned once over and then struck the ground on her head. She was instantly killed. On the third floor lived Mrs. Rontio and her son George. Flames were all about them when they awoke and the boy dashed through clouds of smoke and fire to a window from which he plunged headlong to the ground. He fell dead near the body of Mrs. Madden. Mrs. Rontio was burned to a crisp in her room.

Headache often results from a disordered condition of the stomach and constipation of the bowels. A dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct these disorders and cure the headache. Sold by Richard Gibson, druggist.

See that you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve when you ask for it. The genuine is a certain cure for piles, sores and skin diseases.

Two Fast Through Vestibule Trains Daily to and from Buffalo, via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Beginning March 18, leaving Washington 7:50 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. daily, arriving at Buffalo 8:00 p. m. and 7:35 a. m.; leaving Buffalo 8:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. daily, arriving at Washington 9:35 p. m. and 8:30 a. m. daily. Pullman parlor cars, dining car and coaches on day trains. Pullman Buffet sleeping cars on night trains. m14 603t

Short in his Accounts.

Anderson, Ind., Mar. 14.—Last week Frank Morris, city treasurer of Alexandria in this State, suddenly died. He was among the most popular men in town and the funeral was one of the largest ever held there. It has developed after an expert examination of the books, that Morris was \$5,000 behind in his accounts. Many believe the shortage is due to clerical errors. Mrs. Morris has turned over to the city the insurance carried by her husband, and this will more than satisfy the amount of the shortage.

Will Dig Gold to Pay Church Debt.—Cleveland, O., Mar. 14.—From the frozen gold fields of the far North, Rev. R. A. George, pastor of Trinity Congregation Church, intends to attempt to wrest the gold needed to pay off the fifteen or twenty thousand dollars of debt under which his church rests. He will go as an official of the Good Enough Gold Mining Company, and with his church is that the fruits of his summer's work in the gold fields will go toward the payment of the debt that hangs over the church.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A blizzard is raging in Michigan and five railroad trains are stalled between Grand Rapids and Mackinaw City.

The 1,100 employees of the Batchelor shoe factory at North Brookfield, Mass., returned to work this morning, the strike having been settled by the firm completely conceding.

As a result of a lovers' quarrel, Ralph Bateman, aged 21, shot and killed Ella White aged 20, at the girl's home in Norwood, Mass., last evening, and then turned the revolver upon himself and fired with fatal results.

W. W. Blackford, townman of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Parkview, N. J., committed suicide this morning. He put all the signals on the line at danger before committing the act, blocking the road completely for all trains.

A big freight wreck occurred near Lansdowne, Pa., early this morning, when a freight train crashed into a coal train. Engineer Howard Haas was severely scalded and conductor Edgar was so badly hurt that his left leg had to be amputated. A large number of freight and coal cars were wrecked.

All the principle business books of Cloverport, Ky., were destroyed by fire last night, from an explosion of natural gas. Loss \$500,000. The American Tobacco Company lost 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Five blocks on both sides of Main street are in ashes. The Breckridge Inn and Cloverport Hotel are in ruins. Two churches were consumed.

Two robbers made an attempt to rob the National Bank at Halifax, P. E. I., today and when they saw that the cashier was bound to frustrate their efforts they shot him down. The men entered the bank shortly after the opening hour and demanded Cashier Ryan to hand over the contents of the cash drawer. Ryan refused and became aggressive. One of the men drew a revolver and fired, and Ryan fell dangerously wounded. The would-be assassins then became frightened and attempted to escape. They were captured, however, and are now lodged in the village jail. Ryan may not recover. The robbers gave their names as Henry Rowe and Watson Kelter, of Lykens.

PATENTS.

Davis and Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week of the following United States patents to residents of this State:

669,503. Bill file, Christopher C. Boykin, Lambert's Point, assignor to Boykin-Roper Specialty, Norfolk.

669,505. Apparatus for shaping and cutting candy, Prince A. Sterne, Norfolk, assignor of one-half to Edwin T. Wade and B. R. Jones & Company, same place, and P. H. Larkin, Portsmouth.

669,908. Peanut harvester, George W. Williams, Newville.

34,218. Wire tightener or stretcher, Ananias Swartz, St. Luke.

TRADE MARKS.—37,079. Stove ranges and heaters and parts thereof, The W. J. Lott Stove Co., Waynesboro.

38,082. Steam and water packings, Mayer & Co., Norfolk.

35,017. Scrub brush for pills, William E. Snellings, Jr., Norfolk.

RETURNED TO PRISON.—Eugene Epps, an escaped convict from North Carolina, who, under an assumed name, lost identity in Danville and won his way to business and social position, has been arrested and returned to North Carolina just in time to save him from bigamy. Epps won his way into a young lady's heart, the marriage day was set and the trousseau secured. The circumstances, added to Epps's denial of his identity had gained him sympathy among the best people there, but a few days ago Mrs. Epps, his wife, and child, hearing of his arrest there came to Danville. Epps has gone back under a regulation of the Governor of North Carolina to meet the charges against him. The strangest part of the incident is that Epps chose Danville, only 60 miles from his place of escape, as his home.

A ROAD TO NEW MARKET.—E. Ryder, general superintendent of the Washington division of the Southern Railway, and C. E. Lindsay, roadmaster of the Southern Railway, met at New Market last week as representatives of the Southern Railway to see a committee composed of the citizens of that place, to look over the ground and to report to that company upon the feasibility of building a switch from the Southern to the town of New Market. When the report will be made to the company, and what the result of such report may be, remains to be seen. The committee of citizens meeting the railroad officials was composed of Mayor M. White, Williamson and Messrs George B. Tusing, R. D. Grabill and E. O. Henkel.

COURT OF APPEALS.

White vs. New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway Company. Argued and submitted.

The next cases to be called are Wilson vs. Wall, and Allison vs. Allison's executor and others.

Mrs. C. E. VanDusen, of Kilbourn, Wis., was afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation for a long time. She says, "I have tried many preparations but none have done me the good that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have." These tablets are for sale at Richard Gibson's drug store. Price, 25 cents. Samples free.

REDUCE EXPENSES.

We have been educated to look upon an individual in a public office as superior to and above the ordinary employee. For instance, a bank cashier is met and saluted as "Mr. Tweedum," while the City Treasurer is hailed as "your honor." Although the City Treasurer's salary may be only \$1,500 and the cashier's \$5,000, we have seen a cabinet position filled in Washington by a man, who abandoned a professional life worth a fortune a year for a salary of \$8,000 per year, and we have policemen who